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The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolution 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991 and all subsequent relevant resolutions,

Reaffirming also its firm commitment to preserve the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola,

Reiterating the validity of the "Acordos de Paz" (S/22609, annex), the Lusaka Protocol (S/1994/1441, annex) and relevant Council resolutions as the fundamental basis of the peace process,

Reaffirming its resolution 1196 (1998) of 16 September 1998,

Taking note of the statement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the three Observer States to the Lusaka Protocol and of their letter to the leader of the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) of 24 September 1998 (S/1998/916),

Welcoming regional efforts in support of the peace process in Angola,

Noting the call on the international community, particularly countries and leaders who have an influence on the leader of UNITA, to persuade the rebel movement to rededicate itself to the path of peace and reconstruction in Angola as a matter of urgency that was contained in the Final Communiqué of the Summit of the Heads of State or Government of the Southern African Development Community adopted on 14 September 1998 (S/1998/915),

Taking note of the establishment of UNITA-Renovada,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 8 October 1998 (S/1998/931),

1. Reiterates that the primary cause of the crisis in Angola and of the current impasse in the peace process is the failure by the leadership of UNITA to comply with its obligations under the "Acordos de Paz", the Lusaka Protocol and relevant Security Council resolutions and demands that UNITA comply immediately and without conditions with its obligations, in particular the complete demilitarization of its forces and full cooperation in the immediate and unconditional extension of State administration throughout the national territory;

2. Demands also that UNITA withdraw immediately from territories which it has reoccupied through military action;

3. Stresses that there can be no military solution to the conflict in Angola and calls upon the Government of Angola and in particular UNITA to seek a political settlement;

4. Decides to extend the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) until 3 December 1998;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to adjust the deployment and force structure of MONUA, as needed, in accordance with security conditions and its ability to implement its mandate in support of the peace process, and to prepare further contingency plans;

6. Emphasizes that the extension of the mandate of MONUA provides the Special Representative of the Secretary-General with an additional opportunity to revive the stalled peace process and strongly urges UNITA to take advantage of this period to transform itself into a genuine political party and to secure a legitimate and constructive role in the Angolan political process;

7. Reiterates its full support for the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol and for the reactivation of the Joint Commission;

8. Calls upon the Government of Angola and UNITA to cooperate fully with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, including facilitation of his contacts with all those key to the peace process in order to convey, inter alia, the demands reiterated in the present resolution;

9. Encourages the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to coordinate his efforts with regional and subregional organizations in order to bring about a solution within the framework of the Lusaka Protocol;

10. Reiterates its concern over the safety and security of MONUA personnel and demands that the Government of Angola and UNITA guarantee unconditionally the safety and freedom of movement of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and all United Nations and international humanitarian personnel, including those providing humanitarian assistance, throughout the territory of Angola;

11. Stresses the importance of strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the full protection of all Angolan citizens

throughout the national territory, in particular representatives and members of all political parties;

12. Expresses its deep concern at the continued deterioration of the humanitarian situation, especially the significant increase in the number of internally displaced persons, which now totals 1.3 millicn people, and the lack of access by humanitarian organizations to vulnerable groups;

13. Calls on Member States to implement fully the measures imposed on UNITA contained in the relevant provisions of resolutions 864 (1993) of 15 September 1993, 1127 (1997) of 28 August 1997 and 1173 (1998) of 12 June 1998, and expresses its readiness to consider appropriate reinforcing steps;

14. Requests the Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) to investigate reports that the leader of UNITA travelled outside Angola in violation of resolution 1127 (1997) and that UNITA forces received military training and assistance as well as arms from outside Angola in violation of resolution 864 (1993);

15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report no later than 23 November 1998 which will enable the Security Council to consider the future role of the United Nations in Angola and to make recommendations regarding ways of improving the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 13 above;

16. Expresses its deep concern at the crash of the Russian civilian aircraft in the Malange region of Angola which resulted in the loss of human lives, calls upon the Government of Angola to carry out without delay a thorough investigation of the causes of the crash, requests MONUA to assist as appropriate, and insists that UNITA cooperate fully with these efforts;

17. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.